

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-17 are in this application.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldschmidt Iki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,825), in view of Chernock et al. (U. S. Patent No. 6,314,569).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"information generating means for generating a digital information signal containing information identifying a type of only said transmitting apparatus and indicating a format type of only said analog audio and/or video signal or said digital audio and/or video signal, . . .

information processing means receiving the first output from said demultiplexing circuit for generating an image signal therefrom for use in displaying the type of only the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus and the format type of only the output video signal from the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus, wherein the type of the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus and the format type are indicated by respective predetermined characters or by a logo,

. . . .

means for superimposing the image signal on the display video signal, so that when displayed the predetermined characters or logo are superimposed on a displayed image such that a user can view the type of the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus and the format type pertaining to only the display video signal currently being displayed at the time the display video signal is displayed. (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above rejection with regard to claim 1, the Examiner appears to rely on Goldschmidt Iki for disclosing the above features of claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Goldschmidt Iki so relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely "Goldschmidt") do not specifically disclose the above features of claim 1. For example, Goldschmidt does not appear to disclose "information generating means for generating . . . identifying a type of only said transmitting apparatus and indicating a format type of only said analog audio and/or video signal or said digital audio and/or video signal," "information processing means . . . for generating an image signal therefrom for use in displaying the type of only the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus and the format type of only the output video signal from the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus," and "means for superimposing . . . such that a user can view the type of the audio and/or video signal transmitting apparatus and the format type pertaining to only the display video signal currently being displayed at the time the display video signal is displayed," as in claim 1. (Emphasis added.) Although Goldschmidt appears to briefly mention that "options" may overlay "the current video display", it appears that such options include all of the options that are available. As described in Goldschmidt (such as Fig. 4 thereof) such options appear to include a plurality of items or sources of the desired program. In other words, in Goldschmidt, a plurality of sources for a program may be available and all of these sources may be provided to a user so that the user can select one of the sources. On the other hand, in the system of claim 1, only the information pertaining to the video signal currently being displayed is shown.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt and Chernock.

For reasons similar to those or partial similar to previously described with regard to independent claim 1, it is

also respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 7 and 12 are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt and Chernock.

Claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 13-17 are dependent from one of independent claims 1, 7, and 12. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that that amended independent claims 2, 4-6, 8-11, and 13-17 are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Goldschmidt and Chernock for at least the reasons previously described.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

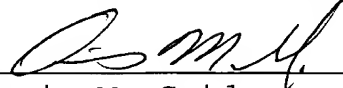
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If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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